

Department of the Army, DoD

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**DISPOSAL OF STANDING TIMBER, CROPS,
AND EMBEDDED GRAVEL, SAND AND
STONE**

§ 644.501 Authority.

(a) *Crops.* Crops are defined as personal property in FPMR 101-47.103-12 and are disposed of under FPMR 101-45.309-1 (Sale, Abandonment, or Destruction of Personal Property). The Corps of Engineers does not dispose of crops on military lands. However, when lands are in the custody of the Corps for construction purposes, the Corps will dispose of crops thereon.

(b) *Standing timber, embedded gravel, sand or stone.* These are defined as real property (FPMR 101-47.103-12(c)). The holding agency is designated as disposal agency for standing timber and embedded gravel, sand, and stone to be disposed of without the underlying land. (FPMR §101-47.302-2).

(c) *Small lots of standing timber.* In accordance with AR 405-90, installation commanders are authorized to sell small lots of standing timber with a value not more than \$1,000 that are in conformity with the installation Forest Management Plan. Public notice is required of the availability of the timber for sale. The total of such sales in any one calendar year will not exceed \$10,000.

(d) *Restriction on removal of sand, clay, gravel, stone and similar material.* The Army is without authority to remove such products from public domain land located within the military installation where the material is to be used off the installation. With permission of the Secretary of the Interior, such material may be removed pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 601. In such cases, DAEN-REM will obtain the necessary permission.

§ 644.502 Determination of excess status.

(a) *Military.* The procedure for excessing and disposal of standing timber and embedded gravel, sand and stone is outlined in AR 405-90. The procedure for the determination of availability of timber for disposal is outlined in AR 420-74.

(b) *Civil works.* (1) When the DE believes that standing timber, embedded

gravel, sand or stone (whether designated for disposition with the land or by severance and removal from the land) is excess to requirements, he will submit a recommendation to DAEN-REM for approval. The DE is authorized, however, to dispose of standing timber or other forest products required to be removed incident to construction and operational requirements of the project; that which is generated incident to recreational development or the management of public park and recreational areas or wildlife management areas; or that which is generated in accordance with approved forest management supplements to the approved Master Plan (ER 1130-2-400). As far as practicable, high grade species in short supply will not be disposed of, but will be retained for possible defense requirements. When the amount for sawtimber under the above criteria available for disposal exceeds 5,000,000 board feet, request will be made to DAEN-REM, for determination of whether there are any defense requirements for the timber. The request will include an estimate of the amounts by species and the range in sizes. All timber disposals, except those involving timber below the project clearing line or in construction sites, will be compatible with the planned use of the areas for the purpose to which they are allocated in approved Master Plans and such disposals will be incidental to that use. The DE may authorize the disposal of growing crops when their disposal is deemed necessary to prevent waste.

(2) Under the provisions of section 5 of the act of 13 June 1902, as amended, (33 U.S.C. 558), proceeds from disposal of these items on civil works property may be returned to the appropriation.

§ 644.503 Methods of disposal.

Standing timber, crops, sand, gravel, or stone-quarried products, authorized for disposal in accordance with the foregoing, will be disposed of by transfer to another Federal agency or by sale.

§ 644.504 Disposal plan for timber.

The DE take appropriate action to assure that construction contractors are not authorized, in the clearance of